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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT-ELECT LOPEZ PORTILLO'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON

1. THIS WILL CONFIRM THAT PRESIDENT-ELECT LOPEZ PORTILLO'S STAFF (CARVAJAL) HAS TOLD AMBASSADOR HE ACCEPTS WITH PLEASURE THE PROPOSED DATE OF SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, FOR CONVERSATION AND LUNCH WITH PRESIDENT FORD.

2. FROM DE OLLOQUI I UNDERSTAND THAT PLANS ARE FOR JLP TO ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON (PRESUMABLY BY COMMERCIAL AIR) ON THE AFTERNOON OF FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24. DE OLLOQUI FEELS IT WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE FOR LOPEZ PORTILLO TO PAY OTHER CALLS PRIOR TO BEING RECEIVED BY PRESIDENT FORD. JLP WOULD REMAIN IN WASHINGTON AT LEAST THROUGH MIDDAY ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, AND WOULD HOPE TO PAY BRIEF CALLS ON VICE PRESIDENT ROCKEFELLER, TREASURY SECRETARY SIMON, SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE BUTZ, SECRETARY OF COMMERCE RICHARDSON, SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION COLEMAN, AND THE PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL TRADE REPRESENTATIVE AMBASSADOR DENT. HE IS PARTICULARLY LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING SECRETARY KISSINGER IN CONNECTION WITH THE CALL ON THE PRESIDENT.

3. SHOULD THE DEPARTMENT CONSIDER IT APPROPRIATE TO UTILIZE SATURDAY MORNING FOR SOME OF THESE CALLS, CHARGE WILL ATTEMPT TO MAKE DE OLLOQUI SEE THE PROPRIETY AND GOOD UTILIZATION OF TIME INVOLVED.

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4. ON NIGHT OF SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, DE OLLOQUI
PLANS TO GIVE DINNER FOR BANKING AND POSSIBLY BUSINESS
LEADERS, SOME OF WHOM HE WOULD INVITE FROM NEW YORK.
HE WOULD UTILIZE SUNDAY TO GIVE JLP AN OPPORTUNITY TO
MEET MEXICAN OFFICIALS, INCLUDING UN AMBASSADOR, OAS
AMBASSADOR AND ORTIZ MENA. PRESUMABLY SOME CONTACT
WITH AMERICAN OFFICIALS COULD BE WORKED OUT ON SUNDAY
IF DEPARTMENT DEEMS DESIRABLE. ON MONDAY MORNING, DE OLLOQUI
WOULD ENVISAGE TAKIN JLP TO CALL ON MAYOR WASHINGTON
BUT IN VIEW OF OVER-AMBITIOUS SCHEDULE, THIS SEEMS
POOR UTILIZATION OF LIMITED TIME WHICH MIGHT BETTER
BE DEVOTED TO FINISHING CALLS ON U.S. CABINET MEMBERS.
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